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Classified By: PolCouns Janice G. Weiner for reasons 1.4 (b,d).

(C) We passed ref a points to MFA South Caucasus Department Head Suleyman Gokce on May 22. Gokce said the Turkish government shares U.S. concerns about Russian activities in South Ossetia and undertook to convey our information to other relevant offices in the MFA. Turkish officials have told us frequently that they are worried about creeping annexation, support the Georgian peace plan for South Ossetia, and support Georgia's integration with Euro-Atlantic institutions (refs b,c).

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